EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON DROUGHT RELIEF WORKS

64 Sri M. Mallikarjuna Kharge (Gurmitkal).—

Will the Minister for public Works and Electricity be pleased to state;—

(*a*) the total amount spent by the Government on Relief Works in Drought affected areas of the State in 1973-74;

(*b*) the amount received from Government of India as Central assistance to fight drought condition in the State during 1973-74?

Sri H. M. Channabasappa Minister for Public Works and Electricty.—

(*a*) Rs. 2,864.50 lakhs up to end of September 1973.

(*b*) Rs. 2,637.00 lakhs.

GRANT OF POLITICAL PENSION IN RON TALUK

896 Sri A. V. Patil (Ron).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state;—

(*a*) the number of political sufferers in Ron Taluk;

(*b*) out of them the number of persons went to jail or more than six months;

(*c*) (i) the number of applications received so far, for grant of pension under the Karnataka State Freedom Fighters' Welfare Rules, 1969;

(ii) and number of persons to whom political pension has been sanctioned;

(*d*) (i) the number of persons who have applied for grant of pension under Government of India Freedom Fighters' Scheme 1972;

(ii) and the number of persons to whom pension has been sanctioned;

(*e*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some persons have not been granted Government of India pension for want of jail certificates eventhough they had suffered imprisonment for a period of six months;

(*f*) the steps Government would take in such cases?

Sri D. Devaraj Urs (Chief Minister)

(*a*) 178.
(*b*) 148.
(*c*) (i) 147.
(ii) 146.
(*d*) (i) 89.
(ii) 59.
(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Under the Karnataka State Freedom Fighters' Welfare Rules 69, a freedom fighter is required to furnish a certificate with his application for pension to the effect that he had been sentenced to imprisonment or suffeered detention for a period of not less than three months issued by the authorities of the Jail where the imprisonment or detention was undergone or by a contemporary freedom fighter or any other responsible person.

Under Government of India Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme, 1972 a freedom fighter, in case of non-availability of certificates from the concerned jail authorities, can furnish co-prisioner's certificate from a sitting M. P or M. L. A. or from an Ex-M. P. or an Ex-M.L.A. specifying the jail period. If a freedom fighter expresses his inability to produce even this certificate, his case is referred to the Committee constituted for selection of freedom fighter for award as Tamra Patra etc , for scrutiny.

CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT ROADS IN KOPPAL

811. Sri M Virupakshappa (Koppal).–Will the Minister for Law and Municipal Administration be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Town Municipal Council, Koppal has given the work of construction of Cement Roads to private contractors wihout obtaining the necessary permission as the cost of the work is more than Rs. 50,000 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the metal used in the constructio of cement road is of a very inferior quality unfit for laying the roadn

(*c*) whether the Goverument received the complaints from the public in this matter and if so, the action in this regard ?

Sri D. K. Naikar (Minister for Law and Municipal Administration) .—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Metal from the approved quarry is used.